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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 18, 1972

Dr. R. Lynn Carroll, Deputy Executive Director
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
736 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear Dr. Carroll:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Coins and Medals Advisory Panel meeting for January 12, 1973.

Would it be possible for you to submit the background material and agenda to me before it is mailed out?

I would like to write a letter to the panel members, also, and would appreciate it if I could receive information as to the date of my appointment as chairman.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 15, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Val Clain-Stefanelli
Room A4022
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C. 20205

Dear Liza and Val:

I was both surprised and disappointed that neither of you attended the meeting in Washington, D. C. of the ARBC Coins and Medals Panel on January 12, 1973. I was advised that both of you were in the Washington area.

Because Liza has been Chairman of the Design Sub-Panel, it was particularly difficult to arrange for the continued work of that Sub-Panel.

If either or both of you prefer not to continue with the panel membership, I would appreciate it if you would advise Mr. James Biddle, or myself, so that replacements can be made. If you do wish to continue, I think I should know the reason for your nonattendance. I am now serving as Chairman of the Coins and Medals Panel and, for that reason, I am writing you.

My kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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Mr. James Biddle

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 26, 1972

Mr. James Conlon
Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

Roy Cahoon telephoned me after talking to you about the commemorative paper money idea. He indicated that you and I should talk about this further prior to the January 12, 1973 Panel meeting.

As I understand it, the Mint is not suggesting any commemorative coinage but is suggesting a change in the reverse on the 50¢ and $1.00 coins and a date of 1776-1976 instead of the standard date of 1976. The new coin reverses would be the reverse for the coins for the future. If this occurs there would be no separate commemorative coinage.

This leaves an opportunity to have a meaningful and attractive special paper money commemorative issue. Something nice ought to be done to tie paper money into the celebration. Although in the past we talked about one small size 50¢ note, it might be that a small set of 50¢ notes with perhaps one common face could contain a fine group of patriotic, artistic, historical vignettes and legends. They could be sold at a modest premium in a plastic envelope within a price that everyone, including children, could afford. They would not circulate and would be no problem to the Secret Service. These could be United States Notes rather than Federal Reserve Notes. You may have further or different ideas as to how something effective can be done as I believe it is an opportunity which should not be missed.

I understand that you will be on vacation during the last week in December. I will be in Jamaica for the first week in January. I will telephone you at the beginning of the second week in January so that we can talk this matter out. If it is necessary that we meet prior to the January 12 Panel meeting, I could come to Washington one day earlier, unless you would come here.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

EPN
atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 18, 1973

Mrs. Mary Brooks
Director of the Mint
The Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Mary:

It was most pleasant working with you on ARBC matters last week and I am sure that, together, all of us will continue to accomplish what the public expects of us.

You asked me for Benjamin Franklin's statements with respect to inflation and I enclose a photocopy of the applicable portion of an article I recently wrote. I hope it is helpful.

I hope you had a ball at the ball.

My kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

January 23, 1973

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for sending along Ben Franklin's words on inflation. I hope I can use them in a speech one day.

The Inaugural activities were exhausting -- but fun! Now it's back to work.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Mary Brooks

Mary Brooks
Director of the Mint

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
(FOUNDED 1858 · INCORPORATED 1865)
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STS
NEW YORK · N.Y. 10032

January 20, 1973

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

Henry tells me that you would like to get in touch with the sculptors who provided entries for the NYS and NYC Bicentennial Medal competition. The enclosed entry cards should suffice; the white are for the State, blue for City.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie A. Elam
Director

LAE:RMg
encl.

January 29, 1973

Mr. Leslie A. Elam
American Numismatic Society

Dear Leslie:

Thank you, so much, for the list of artists. I will turn these over to the Art & Design section of our American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration panel.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.
EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 400 WASHINGTON AVE. MAIL: P. O. BOX 14020, ST. LOUIS, MO. 63178

ERIC P NEWMAN
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
AND
SECRETARY

January 22, 1973

Mr. Dexter Dickinson
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
736 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear Dexter:

It was not clear to me as to whether Lynn Carroll or you were going to send the Panel minutes of what took place on January 12. Would you be nice enough to let me hear from you.

As to the news release, I never received a copy and wonder what procedure for approval of news releases should be used as the most recent one was read to me over the telephone. Was Mr. Lang accustomed to checking the news releases before they were issued or not? I certainly want to make them as accurate as possible.

Would you also be nice enough to send me some ARBC stationery as it is very difficult for me to write a letter on ARBC matters without having some official stationery. I certainly do not want any printed up specially but just some routine envelopes and letterheads could be adequate.

Would you let me know what the final decision is on Rockwell Kent as I am working on obtaining a new artist.

Would you also be nice enough to send me the business and
**? residence addresses and telephone numbers of Jerry Perlmutter.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

**? Gerald C. Perlmutter - 301 972 1425 Germantown, Maryland 20767 ?

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND TECHNOLOGY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20560

February 7, 1973

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

How right you were that we were in Washington during the month of January. Actually, we haven't left Washington even for a day during the last two years, and this is the explanation why we could not attend the last meeting of the ARBC Coins and Medals Panel on January 12, 1973. A strange coincidence piled one mammoth project on top of the other, completely tying us down. I am afraid it will continue to be so for at least another two or three months.

You brought up the Sub-Panel of Design, reminding me of something which I thought was long dead and forgotten. At least all the events since last February, 1972, led me to that conclusion. It was then that Ralph Menconi and I got together to develop a last-minute design for the first Bicentennial Medal in order to meet a crucial deadline. Although under great pressure with a very tight schedule for the forthcoming opening of our Numismatic Hall, I took the time, however, to work with Ralph on that project. Since those hectic days I have not heard anything about the medal, nor received information about the working stages, nor seen the completed package. In fact, up to this moment, almost exactly one year from that date, I have not received a medal nor a courtesy specimen for the National Museum, a custom which has been observed for so many privately produced medals. In fact, we are kept better informed through photographs, press releases or actual medals about the striking of many other medals than about the one where the two of us were instrumental in producing the design.

Although I was very busy with the opening of our new Numismatic Hall and the editing of the Medal section of the Survey of the Numismatic Bibliography for the forthcoming International Congress, I have talked with Margo about plans for scheduling the 1973 Medal, pleading for a more adequate and less pushed schedule for the development of an appropriate design. Therefore, I doubt that I can be accused of lack of interest in this matter. However, unfortunately, at the present time a very heavy schedule for a forthcoming project makes it absolutely impossible for me--and I believe I may speak also for my husband--to actively take part in any additional projects.

I had the opportunity to talk to Mr. Jerome Pearlmutter, who so ably replaces me, and I was very impressed with his interest in this matter.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Elvira Clain-Stefanelli
Curator
Division of Numismatics

National Council on the Arts

National Endowment for the Arts

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

February 8, 1973

Mrs. Margo Russell
Editor, Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

Received the welcome surprise package today--copies of Coin World. Thank you very much. It's quite a paper, and I'm sure well received and appreciated.

Was supposed to accompany the ARBC Legal Counsel to Norman Rockwell's home to check out the legal angles. But as of this writing, they say they do not have travel authorization after February 15th. Hope this can be resolved.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Jerome H. Perlmutter
Coordinator of Federal Graphics

FROM THE DESK OF
Fred Gadjen
315 Ridgedale Road
Louisville, Ky. 40206
895-0838

Thanks for everything from above I already done. Note new developments

Feb. 12, 1973

Mrs. Margo Russell, Editor
Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Russell:

Plans are now being formulated throughout the country to commemorate this Nation's Bicentennial in 1976. The attached information pertains to a suggestion submitted to the Treasury Department and a number of prominent citizens are supporting the idea.

Our forefathers had good intentions in expressing in that day's terminology their meaning of the Great Seal of the United States, as shown on the reverse side of our present $1 Federal Reserve Note. In our modern day, however, this meaning is unknown to the vast majority of people who do not understand the Latin expressions used within the Seal.

The enclosed data explains in detail the numerous advantages of a commemorative issue and a $1 bill of the type advocated would certainly modernize our current Federal Reserve Note while historically educating the present and future generations of our country. This could all be accomplished while serving as a monetary medium of exchange at no additional expense to the Government. The educational aspects alone which over the years have been practically nil would be tremendous.

If you find the related facts interesting and worthy of consideration we would be honored to have your support in the project. This can be accomplished by writing to The Honorable George P. Shultz, Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C. 20220, and recommending that the Treasury Department consider improving our present $1 bill; namely by explaining the Latin and other pertinent facts encompassing the two symbols that represent The Great Seal of the United States.

The theory of a Democracy is to keep everyone informed and a Commemorative Bicentennial Note of the type mentioned, or one similar to, would be a most effective way to publicize this momentous occasion.

Sincerely,

Fred Gadjen

Fred Gadjen

Enclosure

P.S.
The Honorable Carl Albert, "Speaker of the House" is also giving his support to the proposal.

"ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTING THE "SPIRIT OF '76"

Excerpts of letters received relative to suggestion for a Bicentennial $1 Bill 9/20/72

From:

The Honorable Charls E. Walker, Under Secretary of the Treasury. "We are receiving many suggestions for various ways of commemorating this land mark, and I have sent your suggestion along to our experts who are coordinating this matter. Thank you for submitting such a clear and concise suggestion."

Miss Eva Adams, former Director of the U.S. Mint for (8) years. "I most certainly agree with you that most people know very little about the Heritage of our country as symbolized by the Pyramid, the Eye, and even the Eagle. This does need to be corrected, and your suggestion is certainly constructive. I think your points are extremely well-taken."

Senator Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of Committee on Interior Affairs writes "Thank you for your letter in which you recommend a Commemorative issue of the $1 Bill for the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976. In an effort to be helpful, I am immediately initiating an inquiry with the appropriate officials. With best wishes"

Congressman M. Gene Snyder writes "Thank you for your recent letter. Your idea concerning the issuance of a special $1 Bill designed to Commemorate the American Revolution Bicentennial in 1976 is an interesting one. I have today contacted the Treasury Department authorities concerning the matter."

Dr. F.S. Epps, Homer, Mich., Secy-Treas. Central States Numismatic Society writes "I fail to see how anyone could be against such a suggestion and we heartily support the "Spirit of '76", by supporting the Latin inscription in good old English. Thank you for writing me."

Judge Kenneth J. Newman, Louisville, Kentucky writes "Your Bicentennial $1 Note project is great! Thanks for passing on this interesting item - Best always"

Mrs. Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion) Editor, Coin World (The weekly newspaper of the entire Numismatic field) writes "Thank you most kindly for the fascinating material and the background on your suggestion to Commemorate the American Revolution Bicentennial. We also appreciate "Our American Heritage" which we are certain will have special appeal as we progress toward the Centennial year.

Mrs. Virginia Culver (Mrs. John H.) Vice President, American Numismatic Association (Association chartered by Congress) Conversation with at the 80th ANA Convention (1971, Washington, D.C. - "I am happy to be approached on your suggestion. Is anyone against it?"

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar, Mayor of Indianapolis writes "Thank you very much for sending me the certificate containing the United States One Dollar Bill. This is a very fine project you have undertaken. The next time I am with Secretary Shultz, I will discuss with him your suggestion for a Commumorative One Dollar bill for the 1976 Bicentennial."

Mr. Michael A. Hackett, Director, Louisiana American Revolution Bicentennial Commission writes "The Louisiana ARBC feels that your suggestion for a One Dollar Bill to Commemorate the Bicentennial Celebration of 1976 has great merit and we have writen to the Secretary of the Treasury concerning this matter. The Louisiana ARBC stands ready and willing to support this great Commemorative project. Please keep us informed."

The Honorable Thomas J. Meskill, Governor, State of Connecticut writes "Thank you for bringing to my attention your proposal for the issuance of a new One Dollar Federal Reserve Note as a Commemorative note for the Bicentennial. I believe that the proposal merits serious consideration and have expressed that belief to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Samuel A. Lilly, Executive Director, Illinois Bicentennial Commission writes "Thank you for your letter describing your proposal for a Bicentennial $1 Federal Reserve Note. Your idea that our paper currency should reflect our heritage is a welcome suggestion. The development of an educational & historical Bicentennial Note could be a great addition to the "Spirit of 1976".

Mr. Perry A. Snyder, Director, Mississippi American Revolution Bicentennial Commission writes "I appreciate your sending me information about your proposal for a bicentennial one dollar note. I am quite impressed with the idea and have this day written the Secretary of the Treasury. Best wishes on your worthy venture."

The Honorable Tim Lee Carter, Congressman writes "Thank you for sending me your interesting proposal concerning the issuance of a commemorative dollar bill. I believe your plan has merit and I am pleased to add my endorsement. With all good wishes."

PLANNING IN ADVANCE FOR OUR (U. S.) BICENTENNIAL (SUGGESTION)

The American Dollar is many things to many people but very few Americans know the complete historical background of the (2) encircled symbols depicted on the reverse side of our most used $1 Federal Reserve Note.

Some of us familiar with U. S. Currency believe that our present $1 Note contains more American history related in the Great Seal of the United States than any other denomination of our currency but that some of the significant historical facts pertaining to the (2) symbols need to be disclosed and some phases described in every day laymen's language.

Within the next few years, by 1976 or even before, wouldn't it be an appropriate period to commemorate Our American Heritage by producing a Bicentennial Federal Reserve Note, preferably in the denomination of a $1 Bill primarily because of its extensive every day circulation?

As the basis for a new design, a portion of the reverse side of our present $1 Federal Reserve Note could be used, retaining the (2) encircled symbols representing the Great Seal of the United States as well as our Country's National Motto "In God We Trust" which phrase is now mandatory on all U. S. Currency. The superfluous space now containing (in large letters) the word ONE could be replaced with a brief explanation of the significance of the Latin expressions encircling the Pyramid and other pertinent facts that space would permit about the (2) symbols, including the American Bald Eagle. Both sides of the Note would be distinctly marked Bicentennial Federal Reserve Note or otherwise appropriately designed for the occassion. It seems deserving and fitting that the Great Seal of the United States should be a prominent part of our Bicentennial activities as the first committee appointed to design the Seal was formulated on July 4, 1776, a very significant date. The committee consisted of three great Americans, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams.

The major design on the reverse side of our present $1 Bill hasn't been changed since the 1935 Series when the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, along with his Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, was instrumental in placing the Great Seal of the United States on the then $1 Silver Certificate. Later in this series the words "In God We Trust" were added. As one can note, many years have passed since this last change took place.

The United States has a rich heritage but so few remember how we have progressed from our meager beginning. If the people of OUR GREAT COUNTRY knew and respected the meaning behind the (2) symbols, the Pyramid and the Eagle, as originated and designed by our forefathers, it is conceivable that Law and Order would prevail at all times even under abnormal conditions which would make for a better world.

SUGGESTIVE BICENTENNIAL $1 NOTE

1 — THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA — 1

BICENTENNIAL -- 1776-1976

IN GOD WE TRUST

Pyramid depicted here from current Note

Latin translated and Seal explained within this space

Eagle depicted here from current Note

1 — THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES — 1

ONE DOLLAR

Compare the reverse side of our present $1 Bill with the above design. You will notice that on the current Note there are no explanations for the (2) encircled symbols which represent The Great Seal of the United States.

The following significant facts about the Pyramid and the Eagle can be reduced to smaller lettering and inserted in the space provided above.

THE PYRAMID denotes permanence, strength and the heritage of civilization. Annuit Coeptie means "God has favored our Enterprise." The All Seeing Eye represents Deity. The 13 Blocks of Rock represent the original 13 States and the Roman Numerals on its base add up to 1776. Novus Ordo Seclorum is translated "The New Order of the Ages."

THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE became our National Emblem in 1782. E Pluribus Unum inscribed on ribbon in its beak means "One out of Many." The Eagle's right claw holds an olive branch symbolic of Peace and the left claw has 13 arrows representing war. Note the Eagle is eternally looking towards the 13 olive leaves, indicating a desire for Peace.

Fred Gadjen
315 Ridgedale Road
Louisville, Ky. 40206

STATE OF DELAWARE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

September 15, 1971

The Honorable John B. Connally, Jr.
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
Fifteenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Secretary Connally:

It has been brought to my attention that Mr. Fred Gadjen of Louisville, Kentucky, has suggested that the United States Treasury Department issue a special One Dollar bill designed to commemorate the American Revolution Bicentennial in 1976.

I believe the proposal has a great deal of merit and urge that you give it serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Russell W. Peterson

Russell W. Peterson
Governor

cc: The Honorable J. Caleb Boggs
The Honorable William V. Roth, Jr.
The Honorable Pierre S. du Pont, IV
Mr. Fred Gadjen ✓

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON 20220

August 6, 1971

Dear Mr. Gadjen.

It was a pleasure to receive your recent letter and the unique documentary "Our American Heritage." It is well-written, informative and very attractive, and I am having it framed for display in my office.

With best wishes and thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

John B Connally

Mr. Fred Gadjen
315 Ridgedale Road
Louisville, Ky. 40206

Excerpts from Telegram (NL) sent President Richard Nixon, Washington, D.C. 11-1-72

Dear President Nixon:

Thoroughly enjoyed your speech in Ashland Kentucky last week and your referral to planning for the Bicentennial in 1976. Our Founding Fathers had good intentions in expressing in that days terminology their meaning of "The Great Seal of the United States" as shown on the reverse side of our present $1 Federal Reserve Note. In our modern day however this meaning is unknown to the vast majority of people who do not understand the Latin expressions used within the Seal.

A redesigned Educational $1 Commemorative Bicentennial Note with a brief explanation of the meaning of the Great Seal would certainly modernize as well as historically educate over 200,000,000 people and be a most effective way to publicize this momentous occasion. As a historical issue for all to enjoy you and your Secretary of the Treasury, George P. Shultz, might consider improving the reverse side of our present $1 bill namely by explaining the Latin and other pertinent facts encompassing the two symbols. In its present form as presented on our $1 Federal Reserve Note, the meaning is practically nil to at least 99 percent of our entire population.

Wishing you and yours an over abundance of success and Godspeed in your peaceful second term of office.

Sincerely,

Fred Gadjen

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

White House Reply ⟶

It was thoughtful of you to give the President the benefit of your comments. He appreciates your encouragement and has asked that your message be brought to the attention of appropriate Government officials.

Mitchell Rycroft

STAFF ASSISTANT

February 21, 1973

Mr. Fred Gadjen
315 Ridgedale Road
Louisville, Ky. 40206

Dear Mr. Gadjen

Your continued enthusiasm for a Bicentennial paper money issue, including an explanation of the meaning of the Great Seal is acknowledged.

We presented these ideas to our committee in the past and we are glad to have them again.

We have been urging some type of paper money for the Bicentennial and hope to make progress along these lines when we next reconvene.

As you may know, President Nixon is recommending to Congress that the ARBC be reorganized and we do not know what effect that will have on the Coins and Medals Panel.

However, we like you want to see that our country does something significant with the currency in 1976 and we are fortunate to have the suggestions of you and others as to how this can best be done.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
COINS AND MEDALS PANEL
AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

CC:
Mrs. Margo Russell
Coin World

You can assist your Country and personally enhance Numismatics by supporting the proposal, a suggestive Educational issue with a Bicentennial background.

As an individual this past week I sent the attached information to 50 Congressmen and Senators.

Sincerely,

Fred Gadjen

February 14, 1973

Ms. Elvira Clain-Stefanelli, Curator
Division of Numismatics
Smithsonian Institution
The National Museum of History and Technology
Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear Liza:

I have your letter of February 7, 1973 and wished you had written me sooner. I was fully aware of the work which you did on the ARBC medal with Ralph Menconi and all of us appreciate your accomplishment in that respect.

At the January 12, 1973 meeting, complimentary specimens of the 1972 medal in a FNC and also in a holder were distributed to the panel members present. I am sending a copy of this letter to the staff so that those can be sent to you for the National Museum.

Jerome Perlmutter has undertaken to lead the Designs Panel temporarily but I did not make him chairman because I was waiting to hear from you. Since you are unable to take part for the present that clarifies the matter for the 1973 medal.

Because the Commission and its panels are going to be reorganized by a new Act of Congress I am awaiting guidelines as to further action with respect to our panel.

My kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

CC:
Mr. Dexter Dickinson
BC:
Ms. Margo Russell

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
Coins and Medals Panel

EPN/atb

ARBC

February 26, 1973

Mr. Herbert Bergen
604 N. Harbor
Fullerton, Calif. 92632

Dear Herb:

I have the Currency Committee Report plus Cliff Mishler's comments.

In view of the BEP thinking, I believe the proposals are practical and both can be used or only one can be used if one fails. I much prefer the 50¢ fractional souvenir if only one were possible.

The $2 note is limited in its design if it is to fit in with regular circulation. Its face must be similar to the present issues, I presume, and the reverse may be the only available area for commemoration material. It will have to be all green and will involve a pictorial center area. Using an old engraving of a Revolutionary War theme does not seem as exciting as creating something new in artistry.

If your committee will prepare recommendations, then we will submit them to the Panel after having the opportunity to make suggestions. We must contact Secretary Schultz through Mary, Roy or someone else as we need legislation for the 50¢ item. Someone from the Panel should approach Arthur Burns and our Panel must go on record with him on both items.

Although our Panel status is in limbo in view of the Commission situation, we must assume that we will continue our work as before as we are only advisory in any event.

Will your Committee, therefore, prepare a report covering your recommendations?

Thank you for your report, and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPN
atb

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
Coins and Medals Panel
American

February 27, 1973

Dr. R. Lynn Carroll, Deputy Executive Director
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
736 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear Lynn:

I wanted to give you the background as I saw it with respect to the employment of an artist to do the 1973 ARBC medal.

We originally agreed on Norman Rockwell and he accepted the employment for $1,000. Unfortunately, he became ill and his doctor required him to give up his work.

Last month I telephoned Andrew Wyeth, before the Rockwell Kent matter had been finalized, and Wyeth stated that he would like to do a design in the future but could not do one for 1973. I asked him whom he could recommend and he stated that Richard Leyton, of Wilmington, Delaware, was an excellent artist and specialized in historical matters. Based on this recommendation, I asked Jerome Perlmutter, Acting Head of the Arts and Design Subpanel of our committee to proceed to have this artist make the design for 1973. I understand that Mr. Leyton has agreed to perform the work on the same basis as Rockwell Kent had agreed.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN, Chairman
American Revolution Bicentennial
Commission
Coins and Medals Panel

CC:
Mrs. Margo Russell
Mr. Jerome Perlmutter

cpa atb

ARBC

March 6, 1973

Mr. Jerome H. Perlmutter
Coordinator of Federal Graphics
National Council on the Arts
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Jerry:

It was very pleasant being with you on Sunday evening and meeting your fine family. I very much appreciated your hospitality but was a little embarrassed at the trouble your wife went to to feed someone who doesn't need feeding.

The matters relating to the design of the 1973 ARBC medal seem under control and I appreciate your part in working this out.

In the new coinage design contest to be conducted by the National Sculptors Society, I suggested that any unused material be made available for medals, etc. That thought seemed to be very amendble to Mary Brooks and Roy Cahoon.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
American Revolution Bicentennial
Commission
Coins and Medals Panel

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 6, 1973

Mr. Roy Cahoon
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Roy:

It was a pleasure to be with all of you yesterday. The Mint seems to be making progress on all fronts.

You specifically asked for a nice photograph of a Continental Currency Dollar. I have asked to borrow the negative so that you can enlarge the item or make any size or quantity you wish. I am enclosing our positives but we definitely want these back. This will indicate to you the type of print that can be produced from superb negatives. Gloria liked the one with the misspelling CURENCY. Another has the proper spelling with the initials of Elisha Gallaudet. I believe that this coin type will have extensive use in designs for 1976.

The markings of the source of these coins and what they are are directly in back of the coins themselves on the positive.

Information is being gathered for three or four other matters which Mary and some of her staff requested.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

ARBC

March 13, 1973

Mr. Roy Cahoon
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Roy:

In accordance with my letter of March 6, 1973, I am enclosing the negatives from the file of the American Numismatic Society showing the Continental Currency Coinage.

You may find it worthwhile to make enlargements for contact prints, or both, for the benefit of the Centennial, and after you do, would you be nice enough to send them to the American Numismatic Society.

If you would like to make a few contact prints for our use, that, too, would be helpful.

I particularly want to call your attention to what I believe is the proper nomenclature for the pieces. I call them "Continental Currency Coinage" instead of "Continental Dollar" or "Continental Currency Dollar". The reason is that there were also paper Continental Currency Dollars and the use of the word "coinage" distinguishes this particular piece.

I am sending substantial detail concerning the Continental Currency Coinage to Eleanora Hayden and hope that will help with the historical background.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
American Revolution
Bicentennial Commission
Coins and Medals Panel

MARK TWAIN BANCSHARES, INC.

Pierre Laclede Center
7733 Forsyth Boulevard
Saint Louis, Missouri 63105
314 727-1000

March 13, 1973

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Vice President
Edison Brothers Stores
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Dear Eric:

You never surprise me, but you always impress me.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Adam Aronson

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April 2, 1973

Mr. Adam Aronson
Mark Twain Bancshares, Inc.
Pierre Laclede Center
7733 Forsyth Boulevard
Saint Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Adam:

You were nice to write me about the publicity about the coin designers.

Since your organization will be using so many of the products, I am certainly going to do my best to see that you are pleased.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/dd

March 23, 1973

Dear Lynn,

Please send me a form for expenses paid for a trip to Washington on March 4/5, 1973.

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

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April 27, 1973

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am writing to find out the purpose of your trip to Washington, D. C. on March 4 and 5. In order to process your travel claim for reimbursement, I must complete a travel authorization which requests information concerning the purpose of the trip. I have been unable to find anyone on the staff who knows the purpose of this trip; therefore, I must request that you send me this information.

In the future, it would be most helpful if you would write on your reimbursement claim which meeting you were attending and that will permit me to go ahead and process your claim without further delay.

Thank you!

Jean Boyer
Administrative Assistant

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4 MAY 1973

MEMORANDUM TO: Members of the Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

SUBJECT: News Releases on the ARBC Medals Program

We have received several complaints from the numismatic press expressing concern at being "scooped" on various aspects of the ARBC medals program by rival publications which have representation on the ARBC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel.

While I find no fault in the conduct of Panel members in this regard, I do believe the complaints are justified. In order to avoid as much as possible, any conflict of interest in the respective roles of Panel members, I have requested that the ARBC staff refrain from communicating official press releases to the Panel prior to their general release to the public.

James Biddle
Chairman
Heritage '76 Committee

May 9, 1973

Mr. James Biddle, Chairman
Heritage '76 Committee
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
736 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20276

Dear Mr. Biddle:

I have no information as to the complaints mentioned in your memo to the Coins and Medals Advisory Panel dated May 4, 1973. I will be glad to cooperate in solving the problem and would appreciate it if you would advise me of the details.

I believe that the Coins and Medals Panel should have some control over its own press releases and this might be done through some member who is not in the publication business. May I hear from you as to the foregoing suggestion.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:jah

cc: Mrs. Margo Russell
Sidney Printing and Publishing Company
Sidney, Ohio 45365

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Chartered by Congress

HERBERT M. BERGEN
Past President
604 No. Harbor Blvd., FULLERTON, CALIF. 92632

April 7, 1973

Mr, Eric P. Newman, Chairman
ARBC Coins & Medals Panel
P. O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Eric:

Am sorry I have not had time to comply with your request of February 26th to finalize the preliminary report of the Currency Committee sent to you earlier.

The delay is due to income tax and now my committment to devote full time in an all-out effort to elect Virginia Culver as the next President of ANA. When this is concluded I will round up Pittman and Mishler to see if we can agree on the program that was covered in detail by the preliminary report.

I was puzzled by the statement in your letter that we will need legislation for the 50¢ fractional currency issue and so need to contact people at the top in Treasury in Washington. I assume you had in mind this would be needed if the half dollar note is to be legal tender. I meant to rule this out in the preliminary report because of the need of legislation and the approval of Federal Reserve Board which Conlon felt was most unlikely. Conlon did not say we needed legislation to issue the 50¢ note as a souvenir. Please tell me what you had in mind.

I may be seeing Mary Brooks when she comes to San Francisco to dedicate the reconstructed old Mint building next July when President Nixon is expected to attend the ceremony. If the opportunity permits I will discuss any possible contacts with top people in Washington.

Sincerely,

Herbert M. Bergen

AREC

June 20, 1973

Mr. Herbert M. Bergen
American Numismatic Association
604 No. Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, California 92632

Dear Herb:

It was a pleasure to see you and your family in San Francisco.

When we had our little chat about the 50¢ note matter I indicated that I hoped you could revive interest in that project.

In your letter of April 7, 1973 you indicated that your committee is not trying for any legislation which I understand would be necessary if a 50¢ United States Note or Federal Reserve Note were issued. I feel that the panel does not wish to settle for a souvenir item, possibly with a picture of the 1776 Note. I believe John Pittman and Cliff Mishler feel as I do.

I would, therefore, be interested in learning whether you feel that a further attempt should be made toward an actual 50¢ Note of one type or another through legislation authorization.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN, Chairman
AREC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

EPN:jah

LARRY STEVENS PHOTO-JOURNALIST
3005 Pine Spring Road
FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA 22042

May 25, 1973

Mr. Eric Newman, Executive Vice President
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
P. O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri. 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

You have been kind enough to offer advice to me in the past, and your interest in the progress of numismatics has manifested itself in countless other ways. Pursuing what seems a logical course of events, this letter relates to one sent to Mrs. Mary Brooks earlier this week, which she has copied and sent to you for additional consideration.

The copied letter refers to a proposal I made to the Bureau of the Mint; that a catalog or book be sponsored or produced by the Mint and/or the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. The general subject to be covered is "two hundred years of American coinage and the Bicentennial." I know of no recent volume which would document such a subject.

A hard-cover deluxe edition would be suitable for official and private gift-giving, historical reference, and a handsome addition to every library. It would tell of the role of numismatics in our national life and in the Bicentennial. Illustrations would be of the finest specimens of coins, tokens, medals, paper - and of the elements which made possible our Bicentennial coins, medals, etc. Editorial content would be determined by the ARBC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel, and a major portion of the writing done by its distinguished members. A less expensive paper cover edition would be produced for mass distribution.

Mr. Hugh A. Hall, Acting Director of the ARBC, recently described to a Congressional committee that the (numismatic) "program was successful beyond our most optimistic expectations." I believe the book proposed herein would enjoy the same success and further enhance the role of numsimatics. The market, talent, subject matter added to the interest in the Bicentennial, seem most harmonious.

My own interest, aside from helping give birth to an idea whose time has come, is in producing the photographic illustrations. I have much experience in producing a wide range of numismatic photography, and have enjoyed being present at a great many historical happenings in this field and others. I have been, for the past twenty years, bureau chief for a 13,000,000 weekly circulation group of Sunday magazines, and have provided the photography for the Eisenhower dollar and Carson City dollar programs of the U. S. Mint and the General Services Administration, respectively. I have enclosed an example; the 'CC' sales brochure for the order period beginning June 1, 1973.

I am ready to provide whatever additional information your consideration requires, and trust that our goal is the same although our paths are different, as we serve in different ways.

Yours truly,

Larry Stevens

Phone (703) 560-3511

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May 31, 1973

Mr. Larry Stevens
[redacted]

Dear Larry:

Your interesting letter of May 25, 1973 is at hand.

The idea of a book about Bicentennial issues is one which I am sure will be seized upon by someone. A consideration is that to be complete it must be at the end of the program. We won't know what will be the designs for 1976 or thereafter until we get there and we don't know if there will be a thereafter.

If we include 200 years of American coins and medals we have a big project, particularly those medals which are national and those which the Mint made for other purposes. If we use only coinage we will be limiting the background for the ARBC medals. Perhaps the solution is to choose only highlights in American numismatic history? Would you include or exclude private issues of medals for the Bicentennial? These are some of the thoughts which need study as I see it and perhaps you could give me your further ideas.

The ARBC has no facilities for selling books and the private sector does. Should this be a program for the private sector? Would ARBC be criticized for doing such a thing?

You have much more experience in numismatic publication for profit than I have. I will submit your suggestion to others on our panel. We would have no conflict with the Mint because if the Mint wished to publish such an item we would help them accomplish it. I look forward to hearing from you further.

My kindest regards,

ERIC P. NEWMAN, Chairman
ARBC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

EPN:jah

June 18, 1973

Mrs. Mary Brooks
Director of the United States Mint
The Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Mary:

At the delightful reception for the opening of the old United States Mint at San Francisco I discussed with Roy Cahoon, Lynn Carroll and two members of the Coins and Medals Advisory Panel the problem as to your remaining inventory of 1972 Bicentennial medals. I would appreciate it if Roy and Lynn discussed the question of when the 1972 medals should be offered for sale to the public. It might increase 1973 medal sales if those who did not buy 1972 medals were again given the opportunity because of a desire for a complete set. If the 1972 medals are held in order to sell complete sets in 1976 we would have to accumulate an equal excess of each year. I believe this matter can be presented to the panel by mail after a study and recommendation has been received. If the medals or a portion of them are to be sold in 1973 then the decision should be made in adequate time to include such an opportunity in the text of the offering.

I will appreciate hearing from you or the person to whom you refer this matter.

My kindest personal regards,

ERIC P. NEWMAN, Chairman
Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

EPN:jah

cc: Roy Cahoon
Lynn Carroll
Margo Russell
James Biddle

APRC

June 20, 1973

Mrs. Margo Russell
Coin World
P. O. Box 150
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

It was pleasant as always to see you in San Francisco and to discuss the problems of our panel.

I enclose information from James Biddle as to a meeting on July 9, 1973 of Heritage '76 Committee. I will be out of the country and would like you to attend on my behalf if you care to. If you find that is not convenient perhaps Jerry Pearlmutter who is in Washington could attend.

It is customary to have substitute persons attend the meetings. Let me know what you decide.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN, Chairman
Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

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August 16, 1973

Dear Heritage '76 Committee Member:

In Mr. Biddle's absence, I have been asked to inform you of his intent to call a Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 1973, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 740 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D. C. This meeting will not be held in conjunction with a Full Commission meeting but is especially necessary in order to review our fiscal 1975 budget and other matters. Until the Commission is reorganized, the Program Committees are still operative.

Material for the September meeting will be mailed to you later. Our purpose, now, is simply to alert you that it has been scheduled. Please contact Joseph Enright (254-8017) by September 1 to inform him of your plans.

Sincerely,

David M. Goodman

David M. Goodman
Senior Program Officer
Heritage '76

ARBC

August 23, 1973

Mr. James Biddle
Heritage '76
736 Jackson Place N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear James:

I am arranging to be present at the September 19, 1973 Heritage 76 budget meeting about which Mr. Goodman advised me.

I have written to the Mint asking about an expenditure of $100,000.00 for advertising the ARBC medals program in 1973. Do you know if this has already been spent or is it planned or is it rumor? The 1972 advertising was severely criticized and we want to avoid another such situation if possible.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN, Chairman
Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

EPN:jah

ARNP

September 24, 1973

Mr. James Biddle, Chairman
'76 Committee
700 Jackson Place N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear Jim:

I propose Mrs. Virginia Culver, newly elected president of the American Numismatic Association, to replace John Pittman (former president) on the Coins and Medals Panel. This is an ex officio practice.

I feel that we should drop Don Thomas as a member for his non-attendance, and failure to communicate makes his contribution a nullity.

I feel that Lisa and Val Stefanelli should not be dropped, even though they failed to attend the last meeting, and gave no reason. I believe they will participate again, as they did in the beginning.

Please advise if you approve.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN, Chairman
Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

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ARBC

October 4, 1973

Mr. Dexter Dickenson
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
735 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear Dexter:

At our meeting in Washington, on September 17, 1973, etc., I requested the detail as to how the $280,000.00 for advertising, in connection with the 1973 ARBC medal, was to be spent. You were nice enough to show me the 30 second spot which was to be shown over television, and indicated that it cost $50,000.00. I was also told that it would be produced by various television stations as a matter of public interest without charge. May I hear from you on the program with respect to the total as promised.

I look forward to hearing from you or anyone else who has the facts.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
Coins and Advisory Panel

EPN:jah

cc: Dr. R. Lynn Carroll

ARBC

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October 11, 1973

American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
736 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20276

Attention: Dr. R. Lynn Carroll

Dear Lynn:

After requesting suggestions from all members of the ARBC Panel and others, several artists were considered for the design of the 1974 ARBC Medal. Some could not undertake the work with the promptness required by the Mint which set a deadline of November 1, 1973 for sketches. We are pleased to advise you that Mr. Robert Weinman, Cross River Rd., R. D. 3, Box 335, Bedford, New York 10506, has consented to do the medal on receiving an appropriate contract. As you may know, he is the son of a famous designer of United States coins.

It is essential that a contract be made as rapidly as possible, so as to give the artist as much time to perfect his work as possible. Will you submit the matter to the appropriate officials of ARBC, whose approval is required as to the recommendation. We did not have time to submit our final choice to the Panel as a whole.

Please keep Mary Brooks, Margo Russell and myself advised as to the progress being made, and if any of our Panel can be helpful, please call upon us immediately.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
ARBC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

EPN:jah
cc: Mrs. Mary Brooks
Mr. James Biddle
Mr. Dexter Dickenson
Mrs. Margo Russell

ARBC

October 11, 1973

Mrs. Virginia Culver
Box 96
Thiensville, Wisconsin 53902

Dear Virginia:

It is my pleasure to notify you that your appointment as a member of the Coins and Medals Advisory Panel of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has been approved, and we welcome your participation.

Your membership is primarily based upon your presidency of the American Numismatic Association, and you are replacing John Pittman as the past president of the association.

Our Committee is advisory only, but nevertheless we are relied upon to represent the views, the welfare and activities of the public, the United States Mint and those interested in numismatics, with respect to the celebration.

I am sure you will enjoy the work, and it will be a pleasure to have you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
ARBC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

EPN:jah

October 24, 1973

Mr. Dexter Dickenson
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
734 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear Dexter:

I received the April, 1973 ARBC sales promotion contract and the May, 1973 amendment to that contract. This is the first information I or any panel member knew of this arrangement so far as I can determine. We believe we should have been informed of it before it was entered into, and I am also disappointed that we were not informed of it within a reasonable time after it had been entered into. It was only by accident Tuesday about the $280,000 item of expense that resulted in its being made.

This contract, as amended, aggregates $161,500 as a maximum, leaving a very substantial amount of money unaccounted for as to use or proposed use. [illegible] on this balance so we consider the contract ready and fully executed and that it [illegible] in a timely manner.

An explanation of the scope of the [illegible] of the promotion program should, in my opinion, be promptly made available to our committee.

I have not received information as to whether the contract with Robert Wehrman has been completed for the 1974 model.

Sincerely yours,

Eric F. Hanson, Chairman
ARBC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

EFH:jsh

cc: Mrs. Margo Russell
Dr. E. Lynn Carroll

Mr. Dexter Dickenson
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
736 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear Dexter:

Thank you for sending me the April, 1973 contract and the May, 1973 amendment to that contract. This is the first that I or any of our panel knew of this arrangement so far as I can determine. We should have been informed before it was entered into, and I am very disappointed we were not informed after it had been entered into until I asked and wrote about the $280,000 item.

This contract, as amended, only totals $164,620 maximum, leaving a very substantial amount of money unaccounted for as to use, or proposed use.

An evaluation of the extent of the effectiveness of the advertising program should, in my opinion, be promptly made available to our committee.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
ARBC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

cc. Margo Russell
Lynn Carroll

October 26, 1973

ARBC

As Chairman of the Coins and Medals Panel, I attended the press conference at the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia on October 23, 1973, at the request of Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint. The round trip transportation by air from St. Louis to Philadelphia is $69.27 each way because of a security charge to change planes. I went by way of New York and returned by way of Chicago. Only the St. Louis to Philadelphia and return is the basis for the above charge. I stayed overnight in New York in order to attend. Taxis in St. Louis were $4.50 and $4.75. Airline Limousine in Philadelphia was $2.65 and $2.65.

Please send appropriate papers.

Eric P. Newman

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

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October 31, 1973

Mr. James Biddle, Chairman
Heritage '76 Committee
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
748 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear Jim:

In the letter of 24 October 1973 from Mrs. Byrd on your behalf, I was asked for comments on the Heritage Committee Report.

I have read Dr. McCormick's comments. After reading this document I agree that it needs major overhauling. Many sections of it attempt to be popular historical narrative and this seems inappropriate. The introduction seems too folksy. The length of the text, plus pictures, will exhaust readers.

The philatelic numismatic combination souvenir (PNC) and the medals program has already resulted in the participation by over a million members of the public since 1972 and is going forward. It is given merely honorable mention on page 7. This program has probably been more successful than anything ARBC has undertaken, yet it has been described most casually and only as a money-raising operation with no detail given even in that regard.

The Post Office Department which has produced a steady program of Bicentennial postage stamps has been given virtually no recognition for its accomplishments.

Turning to the portion on page 63, relating to coins, I find that it is inaccurate and already out of date. For example, it states that "if Congress approves ***", and, although this was presented in September, 1973, this statement is now obsolete because the bill has been passed. The report states that "a new coinage design is to be used for dollars, half dollars and quarters for the year 1976." This is misleading in that three new designs are to be used, and they are only to be used on the reverse of the three coins. The date is not part of the competition. The report states that the date 1776 will be added to all coins minted during the Bicentennial Era and this is not accurate because coins in 1977 will carry the date 1777-1977, and in 1978 will carry the date 1778-1978, etc., unless the Secretary of the Treasury discontinues the bicentennial design program altogether. A major point in the design competition is that it is open to every American and this should be emphasized for goodwill purposes. The U. S. Mint which is the major participant in the coins and medals program should be specifically recognized by name.

I hope the foregoing is helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
ARBC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

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DAVID L. GANZ
Washington Correspondent
and Assistant Editor

November 26, 1973

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Post Office Box 14020
St. Louis, MO 63178

Dear Eric:

I am currently heavily engaged in research on the bicentennial coinage planned as a tribute to 200 years of American independence and sagacity.

The research is intended for The Numismatist, which as you know, is the monthly publication of the American Numismatic Association.

It is my intent to do a definitive job on this -- including as much raw data (such as letters between policy-making individuals, statements of policy-makers, etc.) as is possible to obtain.

I understand that your position is a sensitive one, however I would hope that you would recognize the importance of this for the future numismatic historian.

To let you see the direction I am going, several pages of the nearly-completed portion [19 pages, thus far] are enclosed.

If there is any material which you could lend me, or photocopy that I could maintain permanently for my files, it would be appreciated.

Time is of the essence, because the article is intended for the January or February issue (or March) of The Numismatist.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

David L. Ganz

P.S. Please respond to my local address: PO Box 294, Iola, WI 54945

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Although the ARBC was specifically charged with making recommendations about appropriate numismatic commemoration of the bicentennial, it was not until February 25, 1970 that a Coins and Medals Advisory Panel was created, and a chairman named.[1] The prospective members of the Advisory Panel were screened between March and May, 1970, undergoing routine security checks and investigation by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service.

On April 16, 1970, panel Chairman George Lang received his first report from the ARBC on the Coins and Medals Advisory Panel.[2] Sent by Hugh A. Hall, deputy executive director of the ARBC, the report consisted largely of correspondence received on the topic of numismatic commemoration of the bicentennial up to April 15, 1970. Two other reports would be written and submitted to the chairman before the panel met for the first time in September, 1970.[3]

ARBC Report Number One on Coins and Medals was written by F. Patrick Butler, who served the ARBC in a multi-faceted role. He was an executive assistant to the chairman of the Advisory Panel, numismatic coordinator for the Bicentennial Commission, and an effective administrator for the coins and medals program of the ARBC.

After giving an extensive background to chairman Lang on the distinction between a commemorative coin and medal (Lang was not a collector and thus had to be given basic, fundamental information

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[1] Action taken in Executive Session of the ARBC, Feb. 25, 1970. George Lang, of New York, a member of the ARBC was appointed chairman of the Coins and Medals Advisory Panel.

[2] ARBC Report Number One on Medals and Coins (Xerox copy, Apr. 16, 1970). Cited hereinafter as Report Number 1.

[3] Report Number 1 was "constructed to reflect all incoming correspondence (April 16, 1970)." From: ARBC "Summary" June 22, 1970 (xerox, p. 1). ARBC Report Number 2 was intended to be a "compendium of professional comments, business and association position papers, and historical precedence in the numismatic area plus a list of the advisory panel members (June 1, 1970). Ibid. The third report was a commentary by panel members on the contents of Report Number 2. Ibid.

concerning distinctions which a numismatists takes for granted),[1] the Report recommended that panel action had to come from four principle sectors: the Treasury Department, coin corporations, numismatists, and the public.[2]

Then, the Report neatly summarized the viewpoints of each of the four sectors that the panel would ultimately have dealings with:

> [T]he Treasury Department is taking a conservative stand in relation to to the origination of new coins; the coin corporations are primarily interested in providing assistance based on a quid pro quo philosophy with the Commission; the numismatists are primarily interested in their collections, reflecting at the same time a genuine purpose in developing American interest in history through numismatism; and the public has taken a subjective patriotic concern that their ideas for new coins should be taken into consideration by the Commission.[3]

It was obvious to the Bicentennial Commission that policy guidelines would be required before it could effectively deal with the issue of commemorative coins and medals. The vested interests of coin corporations, the concerns of numismatists and the collecting public, and the position taken by the bureaucracy within the Treasury department (representing the Administration) -- plus the views of the general, non-collecting public -- all would have to be carefully considered before positive action could be taken.[4]

In order to accomplish this, the first ARBC Report posed an important question that, ultimately, the Coins and Medals Advisory Panel would have to answer: "Should a commemorative coin (currency) be made?"[5] For the sake of advocacy, the Report answered the question

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[1] See, ARBC Report Number 1, p. 1.
[2] Ibid., p. 2. [3] Ibid., p. 2. [4] Ibid., p. 2.
[5] Ibid., p. 2. (Question 1).

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December 5, 1973

Mr. David L. Ganz
Washington Correspondent &
Assistant Editor
Numismatic News Weekly
Iola, Wisconsin 54945

Dear Mr. Ganz:

Your nice letter of November 26, 1973, as to ARBC matters, is at hand. I have mounds of bulletins, memos and letters and I can't take time to go through them without a specific goal, but you are welcome to see them. If there is anything specific you want, I will be glad to try to locate it for you.

You were nice to state that my position as Chairman of the Coins and Medals Panel is a sensitive one. I hope that is now being cleared up by pending legislation now on the president's desk. Our Panel, as a part of ARBC, was scheduled to be reconstituted or phased out for over a year, so we could not make future plans with assurance. We have worked and cooperated with the Mint and Heritage '76 (part of ARBC) to the best of our ability. Margo Russell as Co-Chairman has worked vigorously to help keep the Medal Program going and to urge further ARBC numismatic activities.

Mary Brooks, who is also a member of our Panel, has been successful in encouraging the passage of legislation and in cooperating with the Panel in the artistic, production and distribution phases of the Medal Program and in many other ways.

Our Panel is proceeding with current activities, awaiting the ARBC reorganization.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
ARBC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

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December 4, 1973

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Executive Vice President
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P. O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

The enclosed is the latest information I have concerning the disbursement of funds from the sale of commemorative medals and PNCs. You expressed particular interest in expendatures for promotion of the 1973 line. The last three items under "Promotion Costs" pertain to our contract with Barton and Gillet, a copy of which you have. I can find no other expendatures of these non-appropriated funds for promotion. The $280,000 figure I passed on to you must be an error.

All but two or three thousand dollars have been paid to the contractor. The balance will be paid when we receive a final report. We have not yet conducted an appraisal of the contractor's performance. This, no doubt, will be the responsibility of the contracting officer.

The television film-spots, radio tapes and other material were furnished to the media for exposure as a public service without charge to the ARBC.

As you know, we have a contract with Weinman, the sketches for the 1974 medal have been received and approved with revisions, and the plaster models are now being constructed in basins provided by the Philadelphia Mint. Delivery of the models is scheduled for December 22, 1973.

We have received no replies to our poll of the Panel membership concerning artists for future medals and the 1976 National Medal.

Lynn Carroll has left the ARBC to assume a position in the National Science Foundation. Our legislation creating an American Revolution Bicentennial Administration is awaiting Presidential signature at this writing.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Dexter A. Dickinson
Program Officer
Heritage '76

Enclosure:
Information concerning the disbursement of funds from the sale of PNCs and commemorative medals.

Status Report - ARBC Coins & Medals Program

SALES AND PRODUCTION COSTS

ITEM	UNITS	GROSS SALES	PRODUCTION EXPENSES	PROMOTION COSTS	NLT [illegible]
1972 PNC.....	791,000	$3,955,000	$1,264,175	---	$2,690,175
1972 Bronze Medal.	672,000	2,352,000	998,150	$197,490	1,1[illegible]
1973 PNC.....	470,381	2,351,945	536,292	82,316	1,7[illegible]
1973 Bronze Medal.	229,900*	804,650	**	41,143	[illegible]
1973 Silver Medal.	208,100*	2,081,000	**	41,143	2,0[illegible]
		$11,544,595			$[illegible]
				(Less Grants)--------$2,1[illegible]	
				(Less Fed. Grants)---$1,[illegible]	
				Still Available-----$5,2[illegible]	*

*As of November 24.

**No charges received from Bureau of the Mint or the General Services Administration as o[illegible]

***Figure will decrease after all Production Charges are received.

November 24, 1973

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December 11, 1973

Mr. Dexter A. Dickinson
Program Officer, Heritage '76
736 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear Dexter:

Thank you for your report of December 4, 1973. I appreciate your keeping me up to date on the items mentioned. I am glad to read that the promotion expense for 1973, beyond the contracted sum, must be an error. We save about $110,000 that way.

Pending the planned reorganization, you are now the staff member to whom the Coins and Medals Panel must first turn for further information, now that Lynn Carroll is no longer there. I, therefore, must ask you to furnish me or our Panel with detail as to the matters under contract with the contractor, Barton and Gillet, and not wait for a report from the contracting officer. It may be his responsibility, but I believe it is also yours. Have you requested in writing from the contracting officer or from Barton and Gillet exactly what was done for the 1973 promotion, when it was done, and what costs were charged for doing it? Our Panel has an obligation to help the ARBC and the Mint sell items and make them available to the public. We believe we should have been participants in the 1973 promotion matters, particularly since the 1972 promotion was apparently ineffectual. We also want to know how many 1973 purchases were made on any forms produced by the contractor or arising from other than Mint mailings.

May we have your prompt further cooperation.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
ARBC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

EPN:jah

cc: Mrs. Margo Russell

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December 13, 1973

Mrs. Ivy Jackson Banks
Washington Crossing Foundation
P. O. Box 1976
Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania 18977

Dear Mrs. Banks:

Thank you for your communications with respect to your Foundation's desires as to the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission Coins and Medals Program. The matter will be taken up at our next meeting.

As to your invitation to attend the program on January 6, 1974, I hope that it will be successfully attended, but unfortunately I cannot be present.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
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November 16, 1973

Mr. Eric Newman, Executive Vice President
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am writing you with reference to coins and medals for consideration by the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission Coins & Medals Committee, of which you are Chairman.

As you know, the Washington Crossing Foundation has recently received "Official Recognition" and the A.R.B.C. flag now flies over the "registered national historic landmark" where Washington crossed the Delaware, Christmas night 1776.

The famous painting of this event by Emanuel Leutze, an exact copy of which hangs here, has for long years been a symbol of freedom to people the world over. It has been used in thousands of educational and other publications, and recently was represented for international philatelists on a widely circulated stamp from the Asian country of Manama (see all Philatelic Periodicals of the year).

In addition to its fame, it is a fact that the event here is second only in importance to the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, to be celebrated in the Bicentennial Year, 1976

It seems especially fitting and quite important that the Coins & Medals Committee should promote the issuance of a coin or medal, or both, to commemorate this event for the year 1976.

If you have need of further information, pictures or assistance, please communicate with the Washington Crossing Foundation at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Ivy Jackson Banks

Ivy Jackson Banks
(Mrs. Frederick)
Trustee

IJB:rn
Enc.

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Eric P. Newman, Chairman
ARBC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

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January 10, 1974

Hon. Mary Brooks, Director
Bureau of the Mint
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Mary:

I want to congratulate you on the way you have handled the artist's competition for new coinage designs. You secured outstanding participation and it was because of excellent planning and thinking in advance of all the possible contingencies.

I hope that the designs which the committee does not select will be made available to ARBC for medals in due course.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
ARBC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel

EPN:jah

bcc: Mrs. Margo Russell

FRANCIS C. KEITH
62 SOUTH JENNY LANE
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46201

25 January 1974.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
6450 Cecil Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri. 63105.

Dear Mr. Newman,

As a part of my effort to "do something" in connection with celebrating the Revolutionary War Bicentennial I am setting up an exhibit of paper and metal I have that relate to that time.

In order to make it worthwhile for the viewer of the material I always do some "bird-dogging" for basic information from which I set up brief, informative paragraphs.

Now, in your book, I find nothing relating to that type of material, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A". The paper is watermarked with horizontal lines at about 20/21 per inch. Perhaps you can tell me "what" I should call it, or anything else you wish to say.

Exhibit "B" is a copy of an IOU (?), an instrument validated by the same official at a later date, as are those specimens depicted on pages 143 and 144 of your book, as Treasurer rather than as Receiver General. Is mine not intended to be listed, or was it overlooked? What should I call it? Or, may be you will have some other comment.

Your reply, at your convenience will be most appreciated.

Most sincerely,

Francis C. Keith

FRANCIS C. KEITH

Incls: Exhibs "A" and "B"
SASE

SPMC #880

James Fo
Nathan Breed
Contra 5.10.0
March 1785
No 29828
B 35 — 47.

EXHIBIT "B"

State of Massachusetts Bay

1383

Dec 1 1777.

RECEIVED of Nathan Breed the Sum of
Ten Pounds fifteen Shillings
for the Use and Service of the State of Massachusetts-Bay, and in Behalf of said State I do hereby promise and oblige Myself and Successors in the Office of Treasurer, to repay to the said Nathan Breed or Bearer, by the First Day of March, A. D. 1782, the aforesaid Sum of Ten Pounds fifteen Shillings with Interest Annually at Six per Cent. per Annum.

J. Scollay
P. Boyer
Committee.

Witness my Hand

H. Gardner Treasurer

DEATH TO COUNTERFEITERS

EXHIBIT "A"

FOR THE PAYMENT OF

No. 13975 Comptroller's-Office, May 16 1792

I hereby certify that Bury & Douglas
is entitled to receive the Sum of fourteen shillings
and seven pence
Lawful Money, out of any Funds appropriated for the
Payment of interest on liquidated Debt of the State of
Connecticut.

(HOLE)

10 M. / (OVER)

AVKINGSBURY?

INTEREST.

ISSUED

March 28, 1974

MEMORANDUM

Re: ARBC

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Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

March 25, 1974

Mr. Roy Cahoon
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Roy:

One of the first things the Coins and Medals Panel should do is to give consideration to the sale of the excess solo medals and PNC's which may be on hand from 1972 and 1973. For this to be considered, certain data should be assembled and the Panel will be glad to be of assistance to the Mint in consideration of the problem.

Naturally, the first detail is the number of each item on hand. The next detail is to outline specifically what promises were made to the public in connection with each issue as to whether further sales were restricted and when those restrictions were announced. It would also be helpful to know if those restrictions were not followed in any instance and if there were any complaints by virtue of the matter.

You might have certain other facts which would be applicable to the problem. If the Mint feels that our Committee should or should not advise on this matter, please feel free to say so.

Your cooperation will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
Coins and Medals Panel

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cc: Mrs. Mary Brooks
Mrs. Margo Russell

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 16, 1974

Mr. Dexter A. Dickinson
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
736 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear Dexter:

On March 6, 1974, I made a trip from St. Louis to Washington and return at the invitation of the Secretary of Treasury Schulz and the Director of the Mint, Mary Brooks. The purpose of my trip was to participate in the selection of the final designs for coinage for 1976. My presence was required because as Chairman of ARBA that person was named in the Congressional Act as one of the required participants.

The round trip airline fare was $129.26. My trips to and from the airport in St. Louis and Washington were $12.50. The total time was one day. I passed through New York, but the extra charge of going that way was not included.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Dear Dexter:

There is, I believe, still open my claim for the visit on ARBC to Washington, D. C. covering the period September 17 through September 19, 1973, a total of three days. I gave Ms. Shirley Tate full information on this trip. On September 17, 1973, I met with you and David Goodman of ARBC at 1722 K Street and Virginia Culver, a new ARBC panel member was with me. On September 18, 1973, we studied the advertising film for ARBC medals and met with you and Lynn Carroll at 736 Jackson Place to discuss medal promotion matters. On September 19, 1973, I attended a meeting called by Heritage '76 and thereafter conferred with Hugh Hall, Lynn Carroll and you concerning ARBC matters. I stayed at the Statler Hotel and spent over $25.00 per day. The air fare for the trip from St. Louis to Washington and return was $123.27. I did not travel to Washington directly from St. Louis, but returned directly from Washington to St. Louis.

I turned all this detail over to Ms. Tate and would appreciate your helping me straighten the matter out.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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April 16, 1974

Mr. Dexter A. Dickinson
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Dear Dexter:

I believe I should submit an expense account on behalf of this organization or, if more convenient, on behalf of myself with the understanding that the proceeds would be turned over to this organization for a trip to attend the opening of the Old United States Mint in San Francisco on June 15, 1973. Mary Brooks, Director of the United States Mint, sent me a written invitation as Chairman of the ARBC Coins and Medals Panel. I went from St. Louis to San Francisco for that purpose. I met with Mary Brooks for lunch prior to the dedication and discussed Bicentennial matters with her. I met with many other dignitaries in the dedication and felt that my presence was necessary. I would not have gone had I not felt the responsibility as Chairman of the Panel.

The air fare from St. Louis to San Francisco and return was $249.27. My hotel bill was $25.84. The airline limousine to and from the St. Louis Airport was twice $2.65 or $5.30, and in San Francisco, taxis plus limousine was twice $4.50 or $9.00. I did not keep track of the food and other items. I was gone from my home 1½ days. A photocopy of my ticket is enclosed.

Will you please put in motion reimbursement.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Encl.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 17, 1974

Mr. Dexter A. Dickinson
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
736 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear Dexter:

On October 23, 1973, I attended a press conference at the United States Mint in Philadelphia called by Mary Brooks, Director of the United States Mint. The press conference was for the purpose of announcing the Bicentennial coinage design contest and to have the artists who were to judge the design and the representatives of the ARBC Panel learn of and discuss the Mint's proposal.

The air fare from St. Louis to Philadelphia and return was $138.54. A copy of the return portion of the ticket is enclosed. Taxis at the airports were $14.55. The time elapsed was one day and I spent one night at a hotel with expenditure of over $25.00. Will you be nice enough to arrange for reimbursement.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Encl.

June 27, 1974

Mr. Dexter A. Dickinson
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
736 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear Dexter.

I have never heard from you with respect to the various expense accounts I sumitted. Will you please tell me what, if anything, has been done on them.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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July 17, 1974

Mr. Dexter A. Dickinson
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
736 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear Dexter:

I have not heard from you with respect to my prior letters relating to expense accounts. My last letter was on June 27, 1974. I want to get this matter cleared up and would like to have an answer from you by return mail as to what is being done in that respect.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

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July 11, 1974

Mr. William E. Simon
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20020

Dear Sir:

The news that you may support the revival of a plan to reissue $2.00 denomination Federal Reserve Notes containing a Bicentennial theme is most welcome. The Coins and Medals Panel of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission recommended that action, and I am satisfied that the same Panel acting under the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration will enthusiastically support this action.

Mr. James Conlon, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, has been urging the restoration of the $2.00 denomination as an economy measure, and the opportunity to issue Bicentennial currency, which will result in an immediate reduction in government expense, will be most welcome to the public.

If our Panel can be of any help to you, please feel free to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman, Chairman
Coins and Medals Advisory Panel,
ARBA

EPN:jah

cc: Mr. James Conlon
Mrs. Margo Russell